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## Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Iraq (5-8 March 2021) - Updated Programme

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Friday 5 March 2021

#### ROME - BAGHDAD

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| 07:30 | Departure by plane from Rome/Fiumicino International Airport for Baghdad   |                           |
| 14:00 | Arrival at Baghdad International Airport   |                           |
| 14:00 | <b>OFFICIAL WELCOME</b> at Baghdad International Airport   |                           |
| 14:10 | <b>MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER</b> in the VIP Hall of Baghdad International Airport  |                           |
| 15:00 | <b>OFFICIAL WELCOME CEREMONY</b> at the Presidential Palace in Baghdad   |                           |
| 15:15 | <b>COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC</b> in the private office of the Presidential Palace in Baghdad   |                           |
| 15:45 | <b>MEETING WITH AUTHORITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS</b> in the hall of the Presidential Palace in Baghdad  | Speech of the Holy Father |
| 16:40 | <b>MEETING WITH BISHOPS, PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS, CONSECRATED PERSONS, SEMINARIANS, CATECHISTS</b> at the Syro-Catholic Cathedral of "Our Lady of Salvation" in Baghdad | Speech of the Holy Father |

Saturday 6 March 2021

BAGHDAD - NAJAF - UR - BAGHDAD

07:45	Departure by plane for Najaf	
08:30	Arrival at Najaf Airport	
09:00	<b>COURTESY VISIT TO GRAND AYATOLLAH SAYYID ALI AL-HUSAYNI AL-SISTANI</b> in Najaf	
10:00	Departure by plane for Nassiriya	
10:50	Arrival at Nassiriya Airport	
11:10	<b>INTERRELIGIOUS MEETING</b> at the Plain of Ur	<b>Speech of the Holy Father</b>
12:30	Departure by plane for Baghdad	
13:20	Arrival at Baghdad International Airport	
18:00	<b>HOLY MASS</b> at the Chaldean Cathedral of “Saint Joseph” in Baghdad	<b>Homily of the Holy Father</b>

### Sunday 7 March 2021

#### BAGHDAD - ERBIL - MOSUL - QARAQOSH - ERBIL - BAGHDAD

07:15	Departure by plane for Erbil	
08:20	Arrival at Erbil Airport	
08:20	<b>WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF IRAQI KURDISTAN AND THE RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES OF THE REGION</b> at Erbil Airport	
08:30	<b>MEETING THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION</b> at the Presidential VIP Lounge of Erbil Airport	
09:00	Departure by helicopter for Mosul	
09:35	Arrival at the landing area in Mosul	
10:00	<b>PRAYER OF SUFFRAGE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE WAR</b> at Hosh al-Bieaa (Church square) in Mosul	<b>Prayer of the Holy Father</b>
10:55	Departure by helicopter for Qaraqosh	
11:10	Arrival at the landing area in Qaraqosh	
11:30	<b>VISIT TO THE QARAQOSH COMMUNITY</b> at the Church of “Immaculate Conception” in Qaraqosh	<b>Speech of the Holy Father Angelus</b>
12:15	Transfer to Erbil	
16:00	<b>HOLY MASS</b> at the “Franso Hariri” Stadium in Erbil	<b>Homily of the Holy Father</b>
18:10	Departure by plane for Baghdad	
19:15	Arrival at Baghdad International Airport	

### Monday 8 March 2021

**BAGHDAD – ROME**

09:20      **FAREWELL CEREMONY** at Baghdad International Airport  
09:40      Departure by plane for Rome  
12:55      Arrival at Rome/Ciampino International Airport

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